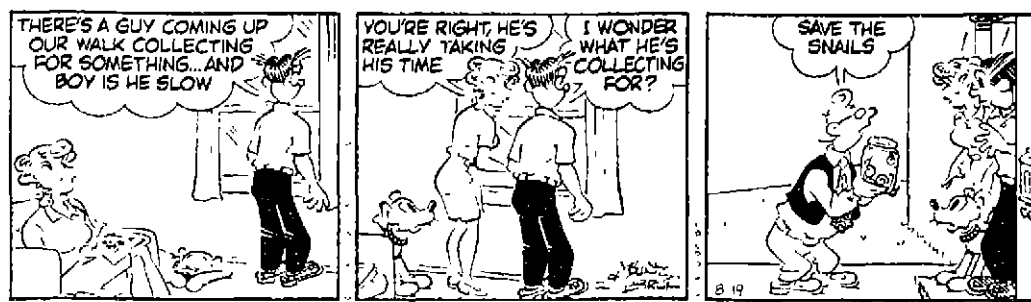


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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



JUMP START



ROSE IS ROSE



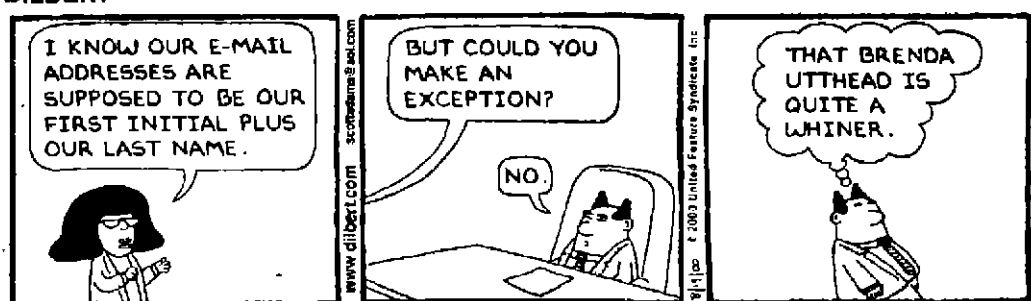
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



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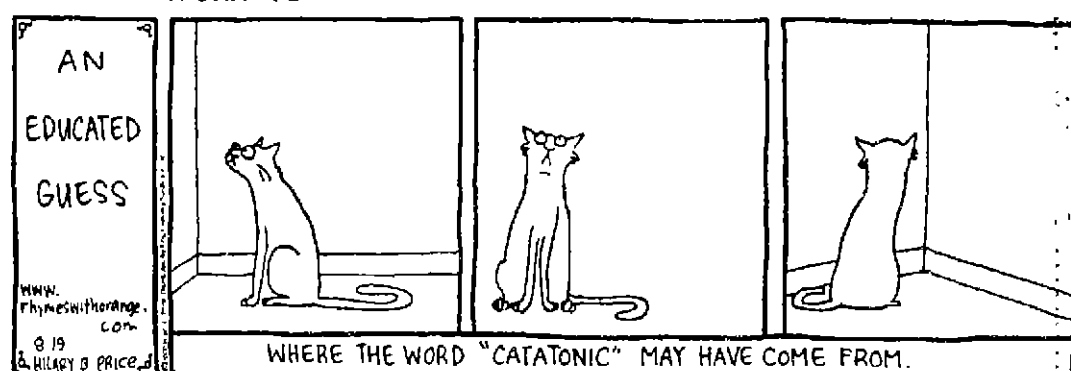
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Author Ring Lardner Jr. is 85.
Actor L. Q. Jones is 73.
Rock musician Ginger Baker (Cream, Blind Faith) is 61.
Singer Johnny Nash is 60.
Actress Jill St. John is 60.
Singer Billy J. Kramer is 57.
Country singer-songwriter Eddy Raven is 56.
Rock singer Ian Gillan (Deep Purple) is 55.
President Clinton is 54.
Tipper Gore, wife of Vice President Al Gore, is 52.
Actor Gerald McRaney is 52.

I NEED HELP



James Bond: the forgotten years.

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R	R	A	S	B	S	A	RACK 3
W	X	T	T	E	B	I	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 120-130 by JUDD

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each rack. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble® Players Dictionary (Warren G. Gowers) and OGSW Official Scrabble Words (Chempers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 8-18-00 ©2000 United Feature Syndicate Inc.

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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WORD SLEUTH

BEGINNING WITH A SILENT LETTER

CDAXUAROLJGDAXV
SPNKIFICAXVSQOL
JHECAXVNTRPNELJ
HFDPSYCHOLOGYBY
XVKNIGHTSMIDTRPO
MKIGEDBZMEUXWUT
RQEONLJILTEEGGE
FDCFTEAWAPSMNLY
XWVIEONSAPIOPT
SRRPNNNGOPRRHRNN
LWKJKKKIGWWFEWG

Friday's unused clue: STARCH

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Saturday's unused clue hint: — OF THE ROUND TABLE

Gnat	Knot	Pseudo	Wing
Game	Knowledge	Psychology	What
Knee	Pneumonia	Whole	Whit
Knife	Psalms	Wrap	

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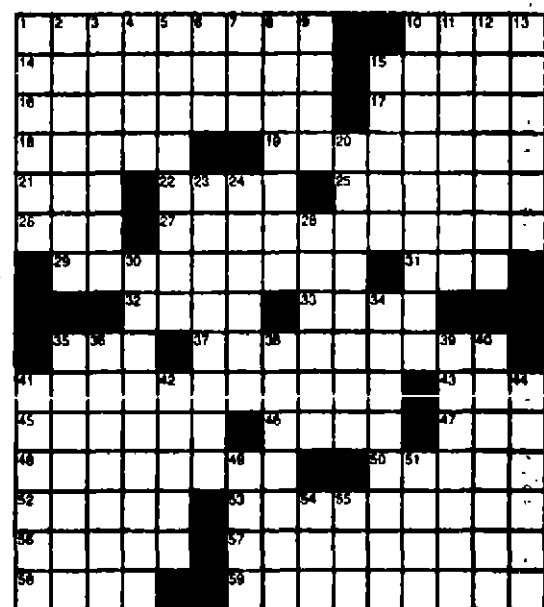
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0708

- ACROSS**
- It has two bands
 - One who takes things back, in old lingo
 - When arguments begin?
 - Law firm hotshot
 - Prefix on names of durable products
 - With 55-Down, where to be quiet?
 - Certain newspaper writer
 - N.S. clock setting
 - Verdi's "Fu la sorte dell'armi," e.g.
 - Pack up
 - It may be loaded
 - One who takes things back, in old lingo
 - When arguments begin?
 - Some M.I.T. grads
 - Year of Philip's birth
 - Sewer lines?
 - PC program
 - Put on a pedestal
 - "The Mod Squad" co-star
 - Dashan (highest point in Ethiopia)
 - Like royal descent, usually
 - Traces
 - Oils and such
 - Hue duller than heliotrope
 - Where a 19-Across may sit
 - Salsa singer Cruz
 - It keeps the bugs out
 - Get down in church
 - The New Yorker contributor until 1968
 - Critique: Abbr.
 - They may be false
- DOWN**
- Not at home, perhaps
 - Isn't kidding
 - Hummingbird, e.g.
 - Chi follower
 - Skill-building
 - Clark's "Mogambo" co-star
 - Cartoonist Browne
 - It may be hard to overcome
 - Grimm figure
 - Most like a cumulus cloud
 - Broadcasting unit?
 - Tough opponents
 - Web, at times
 - Mimetic behavior

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

COG FLORA OPTIT
ONA LILIAN NUIYS
WENDELTON ALOOP
MADEWILLOONS
DALL EDAMES
ISWAI DOTELL
GAO HISENTHENCE
ALBA ZIPUP SLID
BIOCHEMICAL ODS
ONETON NHLEN
NESTLE GOAT
HIDDENHALVES
OHARE EXCELLENT
JUDAS BEALL RKO
ONSET SCALY BSW



Puzzle by Randolph Nease

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 20 Like most modern furniture | 41 Old telegraph machine sounds | 49 1999 N.F.L. Defensive Player of the Year |
| 23 Dull | 42 1986 Indy winner | 51 1980 combatant |
| 24 Swirled | 43 1986 Indy winner | 54 Literary abbr. |
| 28 Phidias subject | 44 Obsolete office positions | 55 See 18-Across |
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